GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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DRINKING WATER AND DIGGING OF WELLS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to some seismological or some other phenomena earth caving and drinking water well disappearing has become a daily occurrence in Kerala;

(b) if so, whether the Government have deputed a committee of scientists to enquire the incidents and find out the way for precaution and necessary measures to take while digging well in future;

(c) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report to the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon; and

(e) whether the Government propose to compensate the victims who had lost property and well and if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a),(b),(c) & (d) Yes Sir. Open-well collapses have occurred in several localities across the State of Kerala recently. Teams of Scientists from different organizations have conducted investigations in various parts of the State and have submitted a report providing a detailed account of their findings related to geological, microseismic and other aspects of the problem.

(e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.